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Mr. Richard Helms 1627 K Street, N.W. (Suite 402) Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Helms,

The Office of the Historian of the Department of State is preparing the official record of the diplomacy of the Vietnam War for publication in State's documentary series Foreign Relations of the United States. The present focus is on the 1961-1963 period. In connection with that project, the Office of the Historian is planning to interview a number of former CIA employees who had served in or were particularly knowledgeable of the Vietnam war, in order to fill in possible gaps in the official documentation.

Your name was submitted to the Agency as one of the persons of interest to the Department of State for an interview. The interview, should one result, would be conducted by someone from the Department's Office of the Historian who holds Top Secret and other appropriate security clearances. Prior to its publication, each Foreign Relations volume will undergo a full clearance and declassification procedure which includes review and approval by CIA of any information relating to the Agency's activities.

Bill Casey supports this activity hence, I would ask that, should you be contacted by the Office of the Historian, you give them a hand. If you have any questions about discussing any particular topic, I suggest that you contact Ken McDonald, our Historian, on

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

